

## II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) Sealable packaging container ~~(1)~~ comprising a packaging tray~~(2)~~ and a packaging lid~~(3)~~ each having a circumferential area ~~(4, 5)~~ which is preferably at least partially also the sealing area, characterised in that the area~~(5)~~ of the packaging lid~~(3)~~ is larger than the area~~(4)~~ of the packaging tray~~(2)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) Sealable packaging container ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1, characterised in that the area~~(4)~~ of the tray~~(2)~~ contains at least three openings for through-pins.  
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3. (Currently Amended) Sealable packaging container ~~(1)~~ according to ~~anyone of the preceding~~ claim 1, characterised in that the circumference of area~~(5)~~ is wider than the circumference of area~~(4)~~.
4. (Currently Amended) Sealable packaging container ~~(1)~~ according to ~~anyone of the preceding~~ claim 1, characterised in that the circumferential areas~~(4, 5)~~ have corners and the area~~(5)~~ of the lid~~(3)~~ is in the region of the corners wider than the area~~(4)~~ of the tray~~(2)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) Sealable packaging container ~~(1)~~ according to claim 4, characterised in that the corners of the sealing areas ~~(4, 5)~~ are rounded off and that the roundness of tray's ~~(2)~~ corners has a radius ~~(8)~~ larger than the radius ~~(9)~~ of lid's ~~(3)~~ corners.
6. (Currently Amended) Sealable packaging container ~~(1)~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1-5~~ claim 1, characterised in that a lug ~~(21)~~ is mounted in each of at least two diametrically opposing corners of the lid ~~(3)~~ or the tray ~~(2)~~ and that the lugs ~~(21)~~ are protruding out of the tray ~~(2)~~ or the lid ~~(3)~~ into the opposing part ~~(2, 3)~~ of the container ~~(1)~~.
7. (Currently Amended) Packaging machine ~~(10)~~ for sealing a packaging container ~~(1)~~ according to ~~one of claims 1-6~~ claim 1, having an upper part ~~(11)~~ and a lower part ~~(12)~~ arranged vertically moveable against each other, characterised in that the packaging machine ~~(10)~~ comprises:
- means ~~(15)~~ for opening the container ~~(1)~~,
  - means ~~(17)~~ for evacuation and preferably means ~~(18)~~ for exchanging gas inside the container ~~(1)~~ and
  - means ~~(14)~~ for sealing the container ~~(1)~~.
8. (Currently Amended) Packaging machine ~~(10)~~ according to claim 7, characterised in that the lower part ~~(12)~~ contains a receptacle ~~(13)~~ for

holding the tray-(2) and that means-(15) are lifting means for opening the container-(1) by lifting the lid-(3) from the tray-(2).

9. (Currently Amended) Packaging machine -(10) according to claim 7, characterised in that the lower part-(12) contains a receptacle-(13) for holding the tray-(2) and that opening means -(15) keep the lid-(3) in its fixed position while the receptacle-(13) is moved downwards.
10. (Currently Amended) Packaging machine -(10) according to claim 7, characterised in that the lower part-(12) contains a receptacle-(13) for holding the tray-(2) and that the container-(1) is opened by the opening means-(15) lifting off the lid-(3) from the tray-(2) and the receptacle -(13) moving downwards.
11. (Currently Amended) Packaging machine -(10) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 7-~~ claim 7, characterised in that the means-(15) act upon those parts of the area-(5) of the lid-(3) which protrude to the area-(4) of the tray-(2).
12. (Currently Amended) Packaging machine -(10) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 7-~~ claim 7, characterised in that the means-(15) are at least three, preferably four vertically arranged pins-(15) located at the horizontal circumference of the tray-(2) and which extend before evacuation

over the upper edge~~-(16)~~ of the tray.

~~(2)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) Packaging machine ~~(10)~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 7 --~~ claim 7, characterised in that the means ~~(15)~~ are mounted on spring elements ~~(19)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) Method of sealing a sealable container~~-(1)~~ which comprises a lid~~-(3)~~ and a tray ~~(2)~~, characterised by the steps of:
- inserting the container~~-(1)~~ into the packaging machine~~-(10)~~,
  - opening the container~~-(1)~~ by lifting off the lid~~-(3)~~ from the tray~~-(2)~~ and/or pulling down the tray~~-(2)~~,
  - evacuating, preferably exchanging, the gas atmosphere inside the container~~-(1)~~,
  - sealing the area~~-(5)~~ of the lid~~-(3)~~ onto the area~~-(4)~~ of the tray~~-(2)~~.